

Notice of Public Hearing

Rockville to Hold Public Hearing on Building Energy Use Benchmarking Ordinance

- Notice:** The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, will conduct a **public hearing during its meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 13, 2016**, in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., in Rockville, in connection with an ordinance to amend Rockville City Code Section 1-8, Application of County Law, to allow Montgomery County Code Chapter 18A, Environment Sustainability, Article 6, Building Energy Use Benchmarking, to apply in the City of Rockville.
- Purpose:** The purpose is to amend Rockville City Code to allow Montgomery County's building energy use benchmarking requirements to apply within the City of Rockville, and to be administered by the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection. The County benchmarking program requires owners of certain types of nonresidential buildings 50,000 square feet and larger, or a group of buildings that share a parcel (and have the same Tax ID) that are collectively 50,000 square feet or greater, to benchmark energy use in ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager; have data verified by a Recognized Data Verifier the first year and every three years thereafter; and report data to the County annually for public disclosure.
- Under the proposed ordinance, Rockville properties will have the same benchmarking requirements and access to technical and financial resources as other properties in Montgomery County.
- Proposed Ordinance:** The proposed ordinance can be viewed on the City's website at www.rockvillemd.gov/energybenchmarking. Information on Montgomery County's building energy benchmarking program is available at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/Energy/benchmarking.html>.
- Public Comments:** Those who wish to speak on the topic may appear at the public hearing, or may provide written testimony in addition to, or instead of, appearing. Persons wishing to testify at the hearing are asked to call 240-314-8280, before 4 p.m. on the day of the hearing to place their names on the speakers' list. Written testimony can be sent by mail or delivered in person to 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, or by email to clerk@rockvillemd.gov.
- Timeline:** The Mayor and Council is soliciting public input before concluding their consideration of the ordinance amendment. Following the public hearing, the public record will remain open until 5 p.m. on Friday, June 17, 2016, unless extended by the Mayor and Council.
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